The Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that Rs. 111.415 crores were released to UP Jai Nigam till 31st March, 2001 and the entire amount has been utilised by UP Jai Nigam as expenditure on the project. As per the information given by the Government of Uttar Pradesh (in June, 2000), the project is expected to be completed by December, 2004.

Appointment/Nomination of SCs/STs at Higher Level of Administration

1674. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SC/ST Parliamentarians in ihc representations submitted to the Prime Minister on 17th December, 1996. 1st September, 1997 and 23rd July, 1998 have demanded nomination/appointmcnt/placcmcnt/ posting of persons belonging to the SCs/STs in the higher echelons of administration;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the total number of persons appointed/posted as CMD (Head), Official/ Non-Official members of the Delhi Development Authority falling under the administrative control of his Ministry during the last five years; and

(d) the number of persons belonging to SC/ST among them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These representations contained issues pertaining to different Ministries/ Departments and accordingly these were sent to the concerned Ministries/Departments by the Prime Minister's office, for action as appropriate.

(c) and (d) During the last five years tl-4.1996 to 31.3.2001) twenty four persons were appointed as official/non-official Members of the Delhi Development Authority out of which two belonged to the SC category.